(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the books declared as National Literature during the last five years; and

(d) the proposals received by Government to declare books as National Literature?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no formal categorisation as 'National Literature'.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Condition of historical monuments in Bihar and Maharashtra

3531. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of historical monuments are in bad condition in the country, especially in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the conditions of historical monuments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India protects and maintains 3667 notified monuments of national importance including 70 protected monuments in the State of Bihar and 286 protected monuments in the State of Maharashtra which are in a good state of preservation.

Conservation of the ancient monuments is a continuous process. Under the Annual Conservation Programme, the Archaeological Survey of India takes up conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development of the Monuments of national importance.

Establishment of Moh. Zina House, Mumbai

3532. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Asia Art and Culture Centre is to be established in Moh. Zina House, Mumbai;